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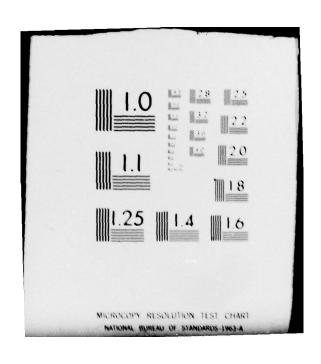
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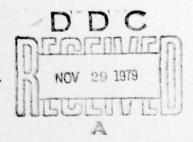
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#### **ABSTRACT**

Let S2-APMOTA(m) be an area-preserving two-dimensional multipass on-line tessellation acceptor over square array input languages whose pass number is bounded by m. It is proved that an open problem "Is L(2-NA) & L(S2-AMPOTA(1))?" proposed in a previous paper by Inoue and the present author has a positive solution.

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In [1], we showed that the class of sets accepted by nondeterministic two-dimensional on-line tessellation acceptors properly contains that accepted by two-dimensional nondeterministic finite automata (i.e., L(2-NA) L(2-OTA)) and also that L(2-DOTA) is incomparable with L(2-NA) and L(2-DA). This result (Theorem 4.1 in [1]) was the main theorem of [1]. Also we defined in [2] an area-preserving two-dimensional multipass on-line tessellation acceptor (i.e., 2-AMPOTA) and defined in [3] a 2-AMPOTA whose pass number is bounded by m (i.e., 2-AMPOTA(m)). Further, the 2-AMPOTA(1) over square array input languages was denoted by S2-APMOTA(1). In this notation, we proposed in [3] an open problem "Is L(2-NA) L(S2-AMPOTA(1))?".

In [1], the inputs were <u>rectangular array</u> languages. In this note, we consider <u>square array</u> languages. We prove that Theorem 4.1 in [1] is also valid for square array languages, and hence show that the open problem in [3] has a positive solution.

Let us consider a set  $\Sigma = \{0,1,c,e,b\}$  of input symbols and also the input square array languages surrounded by the special boundary symbol #. In this note, we treat exclusively input languages such as shown in Fig. 1.

Figure 1

In Fig. 1, a<sub>ij</sub> is 0 or 1.

Now, we consider as a <u>chunk</u> a part of the form as shown in Fig. 2:

Figure 2

Let us denote the diagonal parts of the chunk by  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  respectively (Fig. 3):

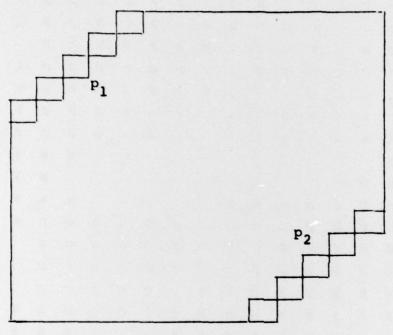


Figure 3

This chunk plays the same role as the chunk  $\frac{\cdot}{\sharp}$   $\frac{\cdot}{r}$  in [1], and the diagonals  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  correspond to the rows  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ , respectively.

A chunk as in Fig. 4 is called an  $(\ell,n)$ -chunk.

Figure 4

Let M be a 2-NA and x,y be any different  $(\ell,n)$ -chunks. Then M-equivalence of x and y is defined in a similar way as in [1]. Note that M always enters or exits a chunk at the diagonals  $p_1$  or  $p_2$ .

Now, let us consider a set T of pictures such as shown in Fig. 1 in which there exists some i  $(1 \le i \le \ell)$  such that  $a_{i1}a_{i2}...a_{in}$  is the same as the head  $a_{01}a_{02}...a_{0n}$  of the top row.

Theorem 1. (1) T ∈ L(2-DOTA)

(2) T & L(2-NA).

#### Proof:

- (1) is shown without difficulty.
- (2) is provable as follows:

By the same considerations as in [1], there are at most  $s = (2^{2(n+2)k+1})^{2(n+2)k} \text{ M-equivalence classes of } (2^n,n) - \text{chunks},$  where k is the number of states of M. We denote those classes by  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , . . . ,  $C_s$ .

There are  $2^n$  different strings over  $\{0,1\}$  of length n. Let us denote those strings by  $R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_{2^n}$ . Here, we distinguish chunks depending on the appearances of these rows. For example,  $[R_1]$  means a chunk in which only rows corresponding to  $R_1$  appear (see Fig. 5).

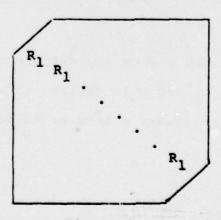


Figure 5

 $[R_1, R_2]$  means a chunk in which only rows corresponding to  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  appear (see Fig. 6).

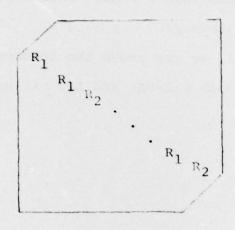


Figure 6

According to this characterization we know that there are v different languages for  $(2^n,n)$ -chunks, where

$$v = {}_{2}^{n} {}^{c} {}_{1} + {}_{2}^{n} {}^{c} {}_{2} + \dots + {}_{2}^{n} {}^{c} {}_{2}^{n} = 2^{2^{n}}.$$

Since v>s for large n, we know the following fact: There exists some  $R_j$  such that  $R_j$  appears in some chunk  $C_\rho$  but does not appear in some chunk  $C_\sigma$  ( $\rho \neq \sigma$ ) where  $C_\rho$  is M-equivalent to  $C_\sigma$ . Thus, we can prove that  $T \in L(2-NA)$  implies a contradiction by making use of the definition of M-equivalence of chunks. Therefore, we get (2).//
Theorem 2.  $L(2-NA) \subseteq L(S2-AMPOTA(1))$ .

## Proof:

L(S2-AMPOTA(1)) is the same as L(2-OTA) over the square array.

Thus, it is provable in the same way as in [1] that an S2-AMPOTA(1) can simulate a 2-NA. Therefore, from Theorem 1 this theorem follows.//

From Theorem 1, we can prove the incomparability of L(S2-DAMPOTA(1)) with L(2-NA) and L(2-DA) by the same method as in [1].

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